

Appl. No. 10/711,065  
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Reply to Office action of June 23, 2005

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

1. Rejection of claims 1-12 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b):

Claims 1-12 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takeuchi (US 5,978,614)

5 **Response:**

Claims 1-10, 12, and 16 are cancelled, and are no longer in need of consideration. Claim 11 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 11 now contains the limitations of original claim 17, and claim 17 has subsequently been cancelled. No new matter is added through this amendment. Claim 17 had previously been indicated as allowable if re-written in independent form. Claims 18-20 are amended to depend on the currently amended claim 1. Reconsideration of claims 11 and 18-20 is respectfully requested.

10 2. Introduction to new claims 21-23:

15 New claim 21 contains the limitations of original claims 11 and 13, new claim 22 contains the limitations of original claims 11 and 14, and new claim 23 contains the limitations of original claims 11 and 15. Each of claims 13-15 had previously been indicated as allowable if re-written in independent form. Acceptance of new claims 21-23 is respectfully requested.

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Since all claims are now in allowable form, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case

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Sincerely yours,

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